

U.S.-Mexico Border 2012 Air Policy Forum

October 6 – 7, 2004

Camino Real Hotel

Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

SETTING THE SCENE: *(To be distributed late September or early October)* A background paper will be developed by the Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research & Policy (SCERP) and will be distributed to participants 1-2 weeks prior to the Border Air Policy Forum meeting. The paper will provide an overview of air quality issues in the border region, a description of air pollution sources, and an analysis of the relationships among air quality, health, energy, and water pollution.

Tuesday October 5, 2004

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Welcoming reception (light hors d'oeuvres)

Wednesday October 6, 2004

(Public Session)

7:45 – 8:45 Continental breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 Welcoming remarks- Sergio Sánchez, John Beale, an invited dignitary from Baja California

9:00 -- 9:30 Background information (presented by SCERP)

9:30 – 9:40 Border 2012 fundamentals

9:40 – 10:10 Air quality in the border region

- air quality trends in sister city pairs
- indicators-based considerations

10:10-10:40 Border 2012 emissions baseline report ---- WGA and INE

10:40-11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Air quality related health assessments in the border region: What do they tell us?

11:45 – 1:15 Roundtable discussion of air-related priorities by stakeholders --- Stakeholders will discuss priorities as they relate to the following topics: (1) mobile sources/fuels, (2) air quality and public health, (3) air quality and its relationship to energy efficiency, (4) emissions trading possibilities, (5) stationary source emissions, and (6) cross border planning and implementation of joint (binational projects). Note a separate breakout session will be devoted to each of these topics (see below). For each priority discussed during this session, the focus will be on identifying specific issues for the Air Policy Forum to consider.

The objective of this session will be to create a running list of issues for each topic that will then be used as input for the facilitated breakout sessions in the afternoon.

- States
- Tribal Nations
- Regional planning groups (including task forces)
- Federal Govts (EPA and SEMARNAT)
- Others

1:15 – 1:30 Setting the stage for the afternoon sessions

1:30 – 2:45 Lunch

2:45 -- 4:00 Facilitated Breakout Sessions

Objective: To identify cross-cutting air related priorities and recommend solutions/roles that the Air Policy Forum could be instrumental in advancing. Participants in each facilitated breakout session will be asked to prioritize issues identified during the morning session and identify specific roles/projects for the Air Policy Forum and other Border 2012 coordinating bodies to consider. In achieving this objective, participants will be asked to consider the following:

- (1) Define the cross-cutting issues (i.e., develop problem statements to ensure that all participants have a common understanding of the scope of the issue)
- (2) Prioritize the issues on the list
- (3) Identify the roles and authorities related to each issue --- What is the role/authority of each of the Border 2012 coordinating bodies (Regional Workgroups / Task Forces / Air Policy Forum)
- (4) Identify project-level activities that the Air Policy Forum should consider undertaking as well as activities that might best be undertaken by Regional Workgroups or Task Forces

Facilitated session I Mobile sources and fuels

Facilitated session II Measuring improvements in air quality: Role of environmental public health indicators

Facilitated session III Air quality and its relationship to energy efficiency

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:15 Report and discuss session results

5:15 -- 5:45 Public comment session

5:45 – 6:00 Wrap-up and Adjourn

Thursday October 7

(Public session)

7:45 -- 8:45 Continental breakfast

8:45 – 10:00 Facilitated Breakout Sessions

Objective: To identify cross-cutting air related priorities and recommend solutions/roles that the Air Policy Forum could be instrumental in advancing. Participants in each facilitated breakout session will be asked to prioritize issues identified during the previous day's roundtable discussion and identify specific roles/projects for the Air Policy Forum and other Border 2012 coordinating bodies to consider. In achieving this objective, participants will be asked to consider the following:

- (1) Define the cross-cutting issues (i.e., develop problem statements to ensure that all participants have a common understanding of the scope of the issue)
- (2) Prioritize the issues on the list
- (3) Identify the roles and authorities related to each issue --- What is the role/authority of each of the Border 2012 coordinating bodies (Regional Workgroups / Task Forces / Air Policy Forum)
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Facilitated session IV Emissions trading possibilities

Facilitated session V Air quality impacts from operation of stationary sources

Facilitated session VI Cross border planning processes and implementation of joint projects

10:00 – 11:00 Report and discuss facilitated session results

11:00 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 12:30 Border 2012 planning and coordination --- Facilitated roundtable discussion about what has worked well, what has not worked well, and how the processes can be improved. Discussants will include Air Policy Forum and Environmental Health Workgroup representatives, regional (EPA and SEMARNAT) air quality managers, state representatives, task force co-chairs and other invited participants.

12:30 – 12:45 Public comment session on Border 2012 planning and coordination

12:45 – 1:15 Wrap-up / Next steps

1:15 – 1:30 Closing remarks

1:30 Adjourn